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In re Application of: E. Marlowe Goble et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed February 5, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from April 5, 2004 to June 5, 2004.

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